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Ms. Rachel Oestreicher Haspel, President
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Dear Ms. Haspel:

I am replying to your December 5 letter to President Reagan requesting he raise the case of Raoul Wallenberg during his recent discussions with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev.

President Reagan and the Department of State share your strong concern about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg. As you know, the President signed into law in October 1983 a bill conferring honorary U.S. citizenship on Raoul Wallenberg. Honoring him in this fashion has made the Soviets and the rest of the world aware of our great admiration for his courage and dedication to humanity.

U.S. officials have repeatedly raised Mr. Wallenberg's case in meetings with high-level Soviet officials. To date, the Soviet Government has evaded questions about his fate. We will continue to press our efforts both in bilateral meetings and international forums, such as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Follow-up Meeting in Vienna and the U.N. Human Rights Commission, until the Soviet Government fully accounts for the fate of Mr. Wallenberg.

Sincerely,

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